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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed on 10/4/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5-14, 16-19 and 21-22, renumbered as 1-19.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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1. An examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

2. In the claims: please amend claims 17-18 as follows:

17. (Currently amended): The computer-readable storage medium of claim ~~[[15]]~~14, wherein the synchronization component is further configured to store the synchronization state to a non-volatile storage media.

18. (Currently amended): The computer-readable storage medium of claim ~~[[15]]~~14, wherein the synchronization component is further configured to store the synchronization state to a directory associated with the synchronization component.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wen-Tai Lin whose telephone number is (571)272-3969. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-5:00) .

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on (571)272-3964. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

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